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In re Application of

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METHOD AND CAMERA SYSTEM FOR
BLURRING PORTIONS OF A
VERIFICATION IMAGE TO SHOW OUT
OF FOCUS AREAS IN A CAPTURED
ARCHIVAL IMAGE

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